

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the Drawings as follows:

Please replace sheets 3-6 of the Drawings as filed with the appended replacement sheets for FIG.'s 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A and 7B.

Remarks

The Specification has been objected to as containing informalities. Applicant has amended the specification to remove the informalities noted by the Examiner. For this reason, the Examiner's objection to the Specification has been rendered improper and applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the Specification.

The Drawings have been objected to as being unclear. Applicant has submitted color drawings to replace FIG.'s 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A and 7B, to clarify the content of the Drawings, along with a Petition to Accept Color Drawings. The colors in the drawings make clear both the identity of the graphs in FIG.'s 4B, 5B, 6B and 7B and the color scale of FIG.'s 4A, 5A, 6A and 7A.

For the above stated reasons, the Examiner's objection to the Drawings has been rendered improper and applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawing.

Claims 3, 6 and 10 have been objected to for containing certain informalities. Applicant has amended the claims 3, 6 and 10 to remove the informalities noted by the Examiner.

For the above stated reasons, the Examiner's objections to claims 3, 6 and 10 have been rendered improper and applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 3, 6 and 10 and allow claims 3, 6 and 10. These amendments have been made solely for the purposes of correcting obvious mistakes in the claims as filed, e.g., to provide proper antecedent basis and/or conform the recitation(s) of the claims to the specification as filed and are not for the purpose of defining over any prior art and are not intended to and do not have the effect of narrowing the claims in any fashion. In fact the claims are broadened to cover what was not covered before, or in the case of correction of informalities possibly could not have been covered before due to possible confusion created by the informalities to which the Examiner referred.

Claims 10 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,969,744, entitled OPTICAL ANGLE-MEASURING DEVICE, issued to Ordell on November 13, 1990 ("Ordell").

Applicant respectfully asserts that Ordell is not anticipatory to either claim 10 or claim 11. Ordell shows an optical angle-measuring device. It does not show the claimed "system for testing etalons." Neither does it disclose "collimating optics for collimating said laser light source to produce a collimated beam . . ." The lens 2 is simply described to be a lens. (Col. 5, line 17)

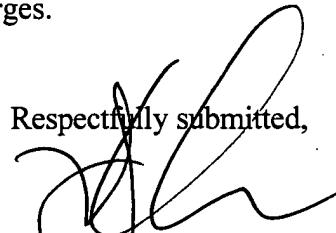
For the above stated reasons the rejection of claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) is improper and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of claims 10 and 11 and allow claims 10 and 11.

Claim 12 has been objected to for depending from a rejected claim. Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection of claim 10, as noted above was not proper and that, therefore the objection to claim 12 is not proper and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to claim 12 and allow claim 12.

Conclusion

For the above stated reasons the examiner's objections to claims 3, 6 and 10 and claim 12 and the rejection of claims 10 and 11 have been shown to not be proper and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw these objections and rejections and allow the claims as filed. Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of two months to respond to the outstanding Office Action in the above-captioned application and authorizes the commissioner to charge the Deposit Account of applicant's assignee, Cymer, Inc., Deposit Account No. 03-4060 the total sum of \$580.00 which includes the extension of time fee of \$450.00 and the Petition to Accept Colored Drawings fee of \$130.00 under §1.17(h). Applicant does not believe that any additional fees or charges are due in the above captioned application. However, in the event that any fee or charge is so due, applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the referenced Deposit Account for any such additional fees or charges.

Respectfully submitted,


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